

# ALL ABOUT KANGAROOS

Hop, bound, and explore these amazing jumpers from Australia!

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## MEET THE KANGAROOS!

Boing, boing! A big animal hops across the land—it's a kangaroo! **Kangaroos** are strong, jumping animals that live in Australia. They are calm, curious, and like to stay together. Kangaroos are famous for their big hops and for carrying their babies in a **pouch**.





## WHAT KANGAROOS ARE LIKE

Kangaroos are **mammals**, which means they have fur and drink milk from their mothers when they are babies. They have strong back legs, small front paws, and a long, powerful tail.



## WHERE KANGAROOS LIVE

Kangaroos live in open lands like **grasslands**, forests, and bush areas. They need space to hop and plenty of plants to eat. Kangaroos rest in shady places during hot days and move around more when it is cooler.

## FROM JOEY TO ADULT

A kangaroo's life begins as a tiny baby called a **joey**. Joeys are born very small and crawl into their mother's pouch on their own. Inside the pouch, the joey drinks milk and grows safely. As it gets bigger, it peeks out, hops around, and then returns to the pouch. Over time, the joey grows into an adult kangaroo.



## WHAT KANGAROOS EAT

Kangaroos are **herbivores**, which means they eat plants. They enjoy grass, leaves, and plants. Kangaroos usually eat in the early morning or evening when it is cooler. Eating plants gives them energy for hopping.



## INSIDE A KANGAROO FAMILY

Kangaroos live in groups called **mobs**. Living together helps them stay safe. Mothers care for their joeys, and kangaroos watch out for one another. Being part of a group helps kangaroos feel calm and protected.





## HOW KANGAROOS MOVE

Kangaroos move by hopping. Their strong back legs push them forward in big jumps. Their tail helps with **balance** and support. Kangaroos can hop quickly and travel far without getting tired.



## KEEPING SAFE

Kangaroos stay safe by staying together and using their strong legs to hop away from danger. They listen carefully and watch their **surroundings**. People help kangaroos by protecting natural habitats and giving them space in the wild.

A close-up photograph of a kangaroo's face, showing its eyes, nose, and whiskers. The kangaroo has brown, textured fur. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Kangaroos** and **wallabies** are close relatives, but they are not the same. Kangaroos are bigger and have longer legs for big hops across open land. Wallabies are smaller and often live in forests or rocky places.

# QUESTION TIME!

1. (True or False) Kangaroos are mammals.
2. (True or False) Kangaroos eat meat.
3. (True or False) Baby kangaroos are called joeys.
4. (Fact or Opinion) Kangaroos hop to move.
5. (Fact or Opinion) Kangaroos are the best jumpers.
6. Where do kangaroos live?
7. What do kangaroos eat?
8. What is a group of kangaroos called?
9. Why do kangaroos have strong back legs?
10. How do kangaroos keep their babies safe?



# ANSWERS

1. True. Kangaroos are mammals.
2. False. Kangaroos eat plants.
3. True. Baby kangaroos are called joeys.
4. Fact. Kangaroos really do hop to move.
5. Opinion. "Best jumpers" is a personal idea.
6. They live in open lands and bush areas.
7. They eat grass and plants.
8. A group of kangaroos is called a mob.
9. Strong legs help them hop far and fast.
10. They keep babies safe in a pouch.



## GLOSSARY

**Balance** – to stay steady without falling

**Grassland** – a wide, open area covered mostly with grass

**Herbivore** – an animal that eats plants

**Joey** – a baby kangaroo

**Kangaroo** – a large hopping mammal from Australia with strong legs and a pouch

**Mammal** – an animal with hair or fur that feeds milk to its babies

**Mob** – a group of kangaroos that live and travel together

**Pouch** – a pocket of skin on a mother kangaroo's belly where her baby grows

**Surroundings** – the things and places around you

**Wallaby** – a smaller relative of a kangaroo



## FUN WITH KANGAROOS

*Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?*

*A: Of course! The Empire State Building can't jump!*